

Worker Protection Standard Wednesday

FREE Pesticide Safety Training Courses for Agricultural Workers and Pesticide Handlers

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What is Worker Protection Standard Wednesday? Worker Protection Standard (WPS) Wednesday is an interactive pesticide safety course for people who work directly with pesticides or in areas where pesticides have been applied in the previous 30 days. Environmental Protection Agency's Training Verification Cards will be provided to each person who completes the session.

Who should attend WPS Wednesday? WPS Wednesday will cover important work-related pesticide safety information for Agricultural Workers and Pesticide Handlers. Agricultural Workers perform tasks such as pruning, irrigating, and harvesting in areas where pesticides have been applied in the last 30 days, but do not work directly with pesticides or pesticide residues. Pesticide handlers mix, load, or apply pesticides. Flaggers and people who will repair or clean pesticide application equipment are also considered Pesticide Handlers.

Who will present WPS Wednesday? Jennifer Weber, Pesticide Safety Field Consultant from the Arizona Department of Agriculture's Ag Consultation and Training Program, will present WPS Wednesday, and will provide the courses in English and Spanish.

Where and when will WPS Wednesday be presented? WPS Wednesday will be held at the Maricopa County Cooperative Extension Office at 4341 E. Broadway Road Phoenix, AZ 85040-8807 on September 27, 2006. The following is a list of the sessions. Please arrive 30 minutes before the session begins to sign the training records, which will be sent to each employer following the event.

Pesticide Safety for Agricultural Workers (Spanish) (Sign-in at 7:30 a.m., 1-hour session from 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.)

Pesticide Safety for **Pesticide Handlers** (*Spanish*) (Sign-in at 7:30 a.m., 2-hour session from 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.)

Pesticide Safety for **Agricultural Workers** (English) (Sign-in at 10:00 a.m., 1-hour session from 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)

Pesticide Safety for **Pesticide Handlers** (*English*) (Sign-in at 10:00 a.m., 2-hour session from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)

Note: During the first hour of each session, general pesticide safety information will be presented to both **Agricultural Workers** and **Pesticide Handlers**. The second hour will include more specific pesticide handling techniques and safety information for **Pesticide Handlers** only.

How do I get more information or register for WPS Wednesday? For more information or to register for a WPS Wednesday, contact Jennifer Weber, Agricultural Consultation and Training Program, Arizona Department of Agriculture, (602) 542-0985, jweber@azda.gov